

ABSTRACT

An optical filter is capable of preventing the image quality of images displayed on a screen from being degraded, and an image display apparatus has such an optical filter. The optical filter (2), which is disposed on a front side of the screen (4) and spaced a certain distance from the screen, has a circularly polarizing filter layer (3b) for converting outside light applied thereto into circularly polarized light and limiting the passage of circularly polarized light that is reflected by the screen and has its direction of polarization inverted.